



By Count Marco

Husbands Change —And So Must You

They say the Dutch have a problem that has nothing to do with dikes, which apparently are outlasting modern marriages in that country.

The unhappy women there complain that with the life span increased as it is, it is much more difficult to love, honor and obey the same mate because the beast lasts too long.

As one woman moaned, "Character and tastes change. It takes a miracle to keep a man interested in you through so many years." Another felt that marriage as a long-term thing is a dreary outlook, while still another unhappy creature feels that the "old ways of marriage are not adapted to today's social realities."

While everyone is going back so far, yet me use an expression of the Charles Dickens period: "Bah, humbug!"

If more married women worried less about social realities and thought more about what made the old marriages work, there would be fewer divorces and complaints.

The problem is not necessarily confined to the Dutch. I note it also in this country, where the women are distracted from being interested in marriage by those instruments of the devil, the

auto, telephone and television.

To make any marriage work, whether it be a long or short one, takes concentration and effort.

I get many letters from couples married 30 or more years who still find mutual interests and excitement in each other. If they can do it, so can you.

After all, a good man is like a painting, and the Dutch women should realize this as much as you. An old master grows more valuable and desirable with age, and the demand to have him hanging around increases with the years.

So be it with your man. You may think he's dull and dreary, but it's only because you are looking at him through dull and dreary eyes.

But you can count on it that somewhere one of the 27 million unmanned women thinks he would make a mighty good picture around her house. His value goes up and your stock goes down.

It doesn't take a miracle to keep a man interested in you—just plain hard work and a sincere interest in him. Try it and be grateful that he lasts as long as he does. You could be without one altogether, and that is a terrible tragedy. Ask the woman who doesn't own one.

Turnover Rate for High Schools Told

Only 5.1 per cent of students enrolled in Torrance high schools terminated their education at the end of the year, according to a report given the Board of Education Monday night.

The enrollment in the three high schools was 6,428 on October 31, 1961, and 6,110 at the close of the year. However, the high schools handled a total of 7,270 students during the year, or 13 per cent more than the number initially enrolled.

Out of this number, 325 students terminated their education after high school. More correctly, the percentage figure would read 3.8, according to the administration, considering many students return to high school, go to a junior college, or enroll in a trade school.

THIRTEEN per cent or 834 students transferred out of the district during the year and 842 pupils or 3.1 per cent moved into the area.

The total mobility of the district is 31.1 per cent. This mobility, amounting to almost a third of the high school enrollment, is an important factor in the load imposed upon guidance counselors, the attendance staffs, and the administrators.

IT ALSO has implications for the high school curriculum in that it adds to the difficulty of maintaining unity in the program.

In a recent workshop for West High counselors, Dr. Muriel Thomson opined out some reasons for dropouts in discussing the growing gap between school and society.

DR. THOMSON recommended several sources regarding the prevention of high school drop-outs. The consensus is that greater emphasis and range of work-study projects may provide part of the answer to the alienated youth in the contemporary high school.

She reported research studies indicate many students do not perceive the counselors as a source of help with personal problems. The visiting speaker classified high school students into three sub-cultures.

THE DOMINANT group is the "Soches," the upper class elite who run everything. The middle class, regular guys, are the "Surfers," while the "Ho-Dads" are the lower class and are often socially rejected and academically less motivated, according to Dr. Thomson.

She also pointed out that some high school-age youths are rebellious and maladjusted because the school does not, and cannot meet their needs and they might be better in another institutional setting. The question of appropriate setting is left unanswered.

Toastmasters Hear Speech On Skydiving

Rey Rojo, a member of South Bay Toastmaster's Club 280 from Torrance, gave a talk recently on his favorite hobby, skydiving.

He explained the joys of looking at the scenery while hanging by threads attached to a piece of cloth several thousand feet in the air, to a special joint meeting of the South Bay Club and El Segundo Toastmaster's Club 401.

The two clubs heard veteran Toastmaster Ferdinand Strible of Manhattan Beach speak on "The Rime of the Modern Mariner," and Richard Fisher of El Segundo, who told about inventors of the Civil War Era.

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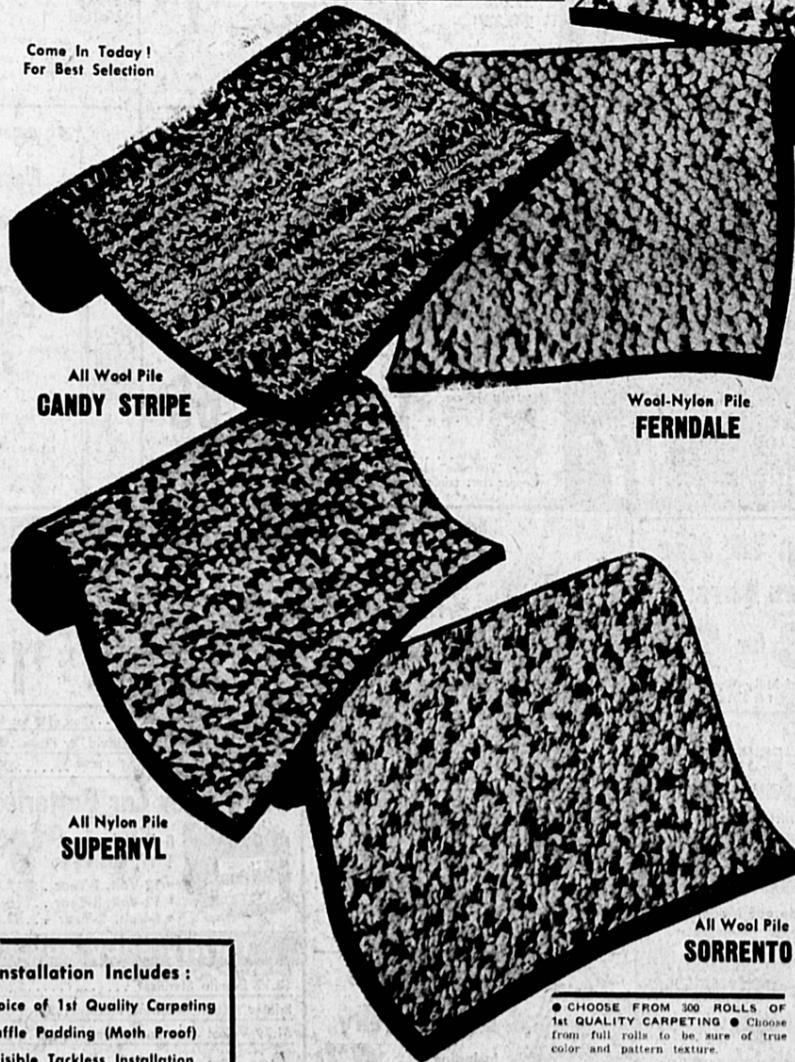
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